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1. The South China branch of the Chinese Communist Party's United Front Department no longer operates independently; in about April 1951 it was attached to the Communist South China Sub-Bureau and enlarged from two to four departments. The first department deals with Taiwan, the second department with Southeast Asia, the third department with Japan, and the fourth department with Hong Kong. The principal personnel in the United Front organization are as follows:

Chief: LO Li-shih (羅理實)<sup>1</sup>Deputy Chief: CH'EN P'en-shih (陳丕士)<sup>2</sup>

Secretary: YANG Hsiao-sheng (楊修生) or YANG Fu-sheng (楊復生)

Assistant Secretary: LIN Chin-ju (林錦珠)

Chief of the First Department: LO Li-shih

Deputy Chief of the First Department: CH'IU Pai (邱白)

Chief of the Second Department: CH'EN P'ei-shih (陳丕士)

Deputy Chief of the Second Department: WENG Ts'ai-san (翁才三)

Chief of the Third Department: LAO Yin (老因) or LAO Ying (勞英)<sup>3</sup>

Chief of the Fourth Department: WU Ti-chou (吳荻舟)

Assistant Chief of the Fourth Department: CHANG T'ieh-sheng (張鉅生)<sup>4</sup>

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2. The United Front Department has always taken the initiative in preparing a particular area for a Communist take-over, and Communists call it the initiator of the revolutionary movement. By the very nature of its work, it should be attached to the Central Committee of the Communist Party, but, because of its importance, it has been set up as an organization with importance equal to that of the Government Administration Council. The reorganization of the South China branch of the United Front Department from an independent to a subsidiary organization of the South China Sub-Bureau was the result of an important conference of the United Front Department held from 1 to 6 April 1951 in accordance with a priority directive from the central authorities of the Communist Party. The directive ordered the rigid execution of the following three policy aims:<sup>5</sup>
  - a. To change the work from a national to an international united front.
  - b. To change the work from attempts to win over democratic elements to the suppression of dissidents in a random (sic) and relentless manner.
  - c. To change the method of work from peaceful and lenient ways of dealing with people to hasty ways with a "hot-war attitude."
3. In March 1951 CHANG T'ieh-sheng was relieved of his position as chief of the South China Bureau, and CH'EN P'ei-shih temporarily assumed his duties until LO Li-shih took over formally in April. WU Ti-tan, acting third secretary of the South China Bureau, is in charge of the bureau's office in Hong Kong.

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